



COMMUTER ALERT

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MORE STORM DAMAGE CLOSES US95 BETWEEN BLYTHE AND VIDAL JUNCTION

RIVERSIDE & SAN BERNARDINO COUNTIES – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is evaluating additional damage to US95 that occurred during flash floods and storms last night, Wednesday, August 9. Pavement, culverts and slope protection have washed away at several US95 locations near Blythe. Over the next few days, Caltrans engineers will perform damage assessments to determine the extent of emergency work needed to restore the highway. Notification of continued closures and emergency repair schedules will be announced within a week.

LOCATION	DATES	CLOSURE	AVAILABILITY
US 95 near Blythe	Starting Thursday, August 10	From 2 nd Ave. in Blythe to US95/SR62 Vidal Junction, approx. 40 miles	The closure will remain in effect until further notice. Minimum duration - one week for additional updates

Detours:

- Motorists traveling to destinations north of I-10 can use SR177, SR62 or AZ 95.
- Motorists traveling to destinations east or west of Blythe or Vidal Junction can use nearby SR62 or I-10.

Local traffic will be provided access through the closure area.

Caltrans thanks motorists for their patience and cooperation while we work to restore the road. **Slow for the Cone Zone.**

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